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1. Following are planned potato deliveries for the fourth quarter of 1952 and the first quarter of 1953 from the East German provinces which have a surplus of potatoes (Brandenburg, Mecklenburg, and Saxony-Anhalt) to the provinces whose potato production is insufficient (Saxony, Thuringia, and East Berlin):

Deliverer	Saxony	Thuringia	East Berlin
Brandenburg	55,437 tons	37,600 tons	9,111 tons
Mecklenburg	131,377 tons	—	27,634 tons
Totals	187,814 tons	37,600 tons	126,745 tons

2. After the delivery contracts were completed, the following amounts of potatoes were to be delivered during the first ten days of October 1953:

Deliverer	Saxony	Thuringia	East Berlin
Brandenburg	8,435 tons	39,106 tons	3,110 tons
Mecklenburg	57,227 tons	—	11,980 tons
Totals	65,662 tons	39,106 tons	15,090 tons

3. According to daily records of the State Secretariat for Procurement and Purchase, the status of deliveries as of 10 October 1952 was as follows:

Deliverer	Saxony	Thuringia	East Berlin
Brandenburg	7,373 tons	30,186 tons	3,754 tons
Mecklenburg	55,408 tons	—	11,451 tons
Totals	62,781 tons	30,186 tons	15,205 tons

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4. Only 10,000 of the 100,000 metric tons of potatoes which were to be exported by the end of the third quarter of 1952 were actually shipped. The remaining 90,000 tons are to be delivered starting 10 October. Berlin is to receive 31,300 tons from Brandenburg, 12,500 tons from Mecklenburg, and 25,600 tons from Saxony-Anhalt - a total of 70,000 tons; Mecklenburg is to export 20,000 tons to Hungary.
5. It was impossible to begin storing potatoes on 1 September as planned, since the population at that time still refused to accept storage potatoes. Potato storage did, however, begin on 20 September. By the end of September results were generally satisfactory; in Saxony-Anhalt and Berlin, it was expected that storage would be completed by the end of October or the beginning of November. It was therefore possible on 1 October to permit the producers to begin direct storing as planned. Between 5 and 15 October, a serious shortage of railroad cars caused difficulties which may endanger plans to supply the population with stored potatoes.

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1.   Comment:   for lower figures of fulfillment from Land Brandenburg on 10 October 1952.

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